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DIGEST

SB 66 Reengrossed 2018 Regular Session Claitor

Present law provides for certain emergency certificate admission procedures for the parishes of East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Orleans, and Ouachita.

Proposed law retains present law and makes it applicable to all parishes except St. Tammany.

Present law authorizes any physician, certain physical assistant and nurse practitioner, or psychologist to execute an emergency certificate only after an actual examination of a person alleged to have a mental illness or be suffering from a substance-related or addictive disorder and who is determined to be in immediate need care and treatment in a treatment facility. Authorizes conducting such examination by telemedicine utilizing video conferencing technology and provides the parameters for performing such examination.

Proposed law retains present law but requires physicians executing an emergency certificate to be licensed or permitted by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners.

Present law provides a standard of care relating to the examination, admission, commitment and treatment of individuals suffering from mental illness and substance-related or addictive disorders and limitations of liability.

Proposed law retains present law but requires physicians providing such care to be licensed or permitted by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 28:53(B)(1), (G)(8)(intro para), 63(A)(1) and (B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Requires physicians executing an emergency certificate to be licensed or permitted by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners.
2. Requires physicians providing care to individuals suffering from mental illness and substance-related or addictive disorders be licensed or permitted by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners.

3. Specifies that limitation of liability applies to physicians licensed or permitted by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners.